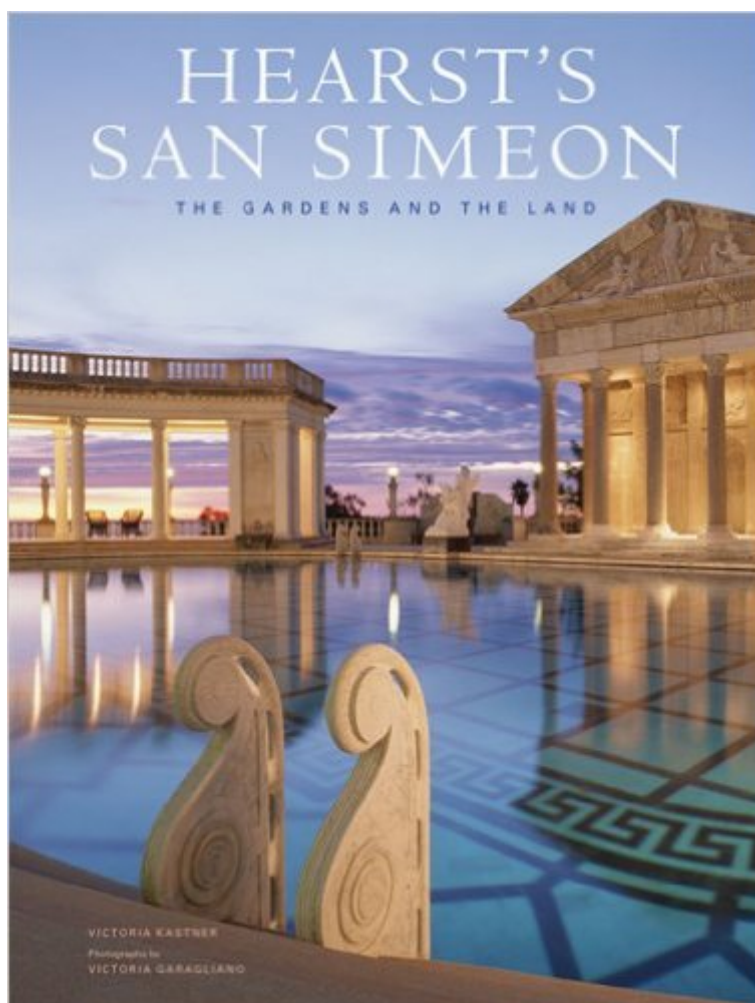


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# Hearst's San Simeon: The Gardens And The Land



## Synopsis

Hearst Castle in San Simeon, California, was more than just a country house, and many of its finest features were outside, not inside. In *Hearst's San Simeon: The Gardens and the Land*, the castle's official historian Victoria Kastner takes readers on a time-traveling tour of the estate, from the beginning of its construction to the present.Â Featuring two spectacular swimming pools, 120 acres of luxuriant gardens, and 450 square miles of pristine coastal landscape, it's no wonder that the estate was named "La Cuesta Encantada" (The Enchanted Hill). From the 1920s through the 1940s, publisher William Randolph Hearst and actress Marion Davies hosted the country's elite here, encouraging them to enjoy the outdoors at "the ranch," which Hearst created with the architect Julia Morgan. With stunning photographs, original drawings, and lively anecdotes, *Hearst's San Simeon: The Gardens and the Land* tells the story of one of California's most beautiful and unspoiled treasures.

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An excellent photographic and narrative summary of the incredible outbuildings and gardens surrounding Hearst Castle. Fortunately, the photos were taken prior to the last major California earthquake that resulted in cracking the beautiful pool, its drainage, and subsequent years of sitting empty.

As the cover photo shows, this is a lovely book on the beauty and stunning architecture that Julia

Morgan and Hearst planned together. They certainly worked well together and she was able to interpret his wishes; not an easy task. Again, a lovely book.

I went to Hearst Castle with my family when I was five, but barely remember the tour. I bought this book as a memento of that trip. The volume is lovely. I am so pleased that I got it. The book arrived quickly and in perfect condition.

This book is full of beautiful images and interesting information on Hearst Castle. If you've ever visited Hearst Castle and didn't grab one of these one your way out, now's your chance! Visual Guide to the Wineries and Hotels of the Central Coast: with the Photography of John Crippen (Volume 1) Scenic Photography Using Examples From The California Central Coast: A Visual Guide To The Central Coast And Digital Photography

Excellent in all respects . Good job by the Sellers. Victoria is extremely talented they are lucky to have her. Its good to know that the land is being kept for all future generations from the development that spoils so much of our California and America.

I found this book on another bookseller's site but was saddened to hear they had run out of the copies. came through and had the connection. The quality of the book is perfect and I highly recommend the seller, author and the content for anyone interested in William Randolph Hearst's ranch in San Simeon, known popularly as Hearst's Castle.

I wanted a book that would let me relive our visit in the late 60s and this did it. Highly recommended.

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